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In the Matter of)	
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Price Cap Performance Review)	CC Docket No. 94-1
For Local Exchange Carriers)	
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Access Charge Reform)	CC Docket No. 96-262

U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") hereby supports the Petition for Extension of Time By the United States Telecom Association ("USTA"),¹ requesting a limited extension of time for filing comments and replies to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,² currently scheduled for December 30, 1999 and January 14, 2000, respectively.

As noted by USTA, the end determination of the highly-complex issues raised in the FNPRM will have a profound impact on the price cap local exchange carriers. The complex nature of the various options proffered by the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") regarding the prescription/represcription of the X-factor will require extensive study and analysis. Due to the late release of the Commission staff's studies -- posted in final form on December 2, 1999 -- additional

¹ Petition for Extension of Time By the United States Telecom Association, filed herein on Dec. 6, 1999 ("USTA Petition").

² Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket Nos. 94-1 and 96-262, FCC 99-345, rel. Nov. 15, 1999 ("FNPRM").

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time is required to adequately analyze and prepare a response.³ Additionally, the date for filing comments falls on December 30, 1999, a date on which U S WEST will be operating in Y2K mode.

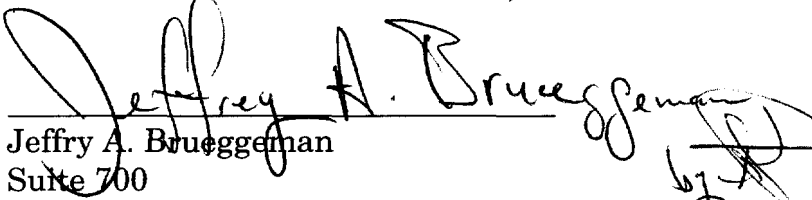
Moreover, it would be very beneficial to have an additional week to file reply comments. It is likely that the comments filed in this proceeding will contain extensive data and studies that will have to be analyzed.⁴

U S WEST is concerned that it may be negatively impacted if there is insufficient time to fully respond to the Commission's FNPRM. Therefore, U S WEST supports USTA's Petition and requests that the Commission extend the filing due dates for comments to until January 7, 2000 and reply comments to January 31, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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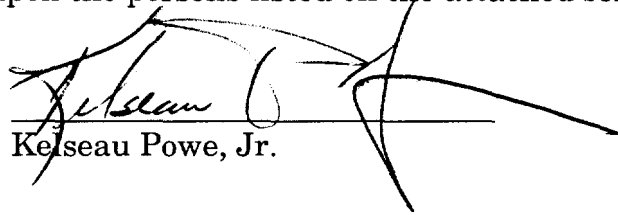
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³ See USTA Petition at 2.

⁴ Id. at 3.

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